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Tense moments. The Blueshirts scored two goals in the second period and had to hold for a 2-1 victory. **Strong sub.** Daniel Carcillo, a healthy scratch in Game 6, scored the opening goal. **Sid the Kid.** Pittsburgh and star Sidney Crosby await in the second round of the playoffs.



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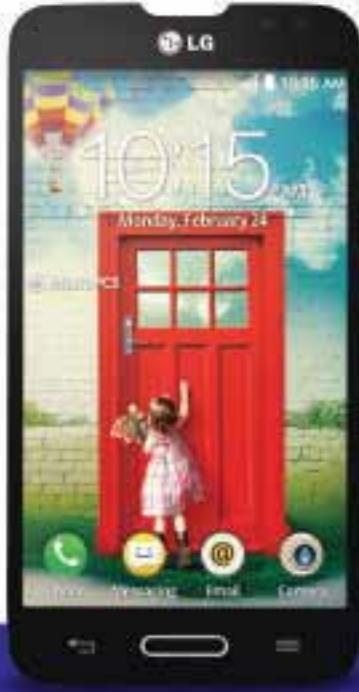
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Mayor Bill de Blasio, on the State Senate passing a bill that would place 120 more speed cameras near city schools

Birthday

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Patty Chang Anker high-fives a volunteer at a Bike New York "Learn to Ride" class for adults. / BIKE NEW YORK

Breaking through the cycle of fear

Riding again.
A writer gains confidence while training for the TD Five Boro Bike Tour.

32,000 other cyclists riding in the TD Five Boro Bike Tour on Sunday.

The 40-mile ride, which begins in Lower Manhattan and weaves through every borough before ending in Staten Island, is symbolic for Anker, author of "SOME NERVE: Lessons Learned While Becoming Brave."

Growing up, Anker said, she was more bookish than adventurous, and cycling is still firmly outside of her comfort zone.

"I'm Asian," Anker said laughing. "I wasn't groomed to do anything fun."

When she had children, something clicked. She didn't want them to grow up feeling limited by fear the way she always had.

Her blog was born, and

New tricks

"I didn't really ride until we had kids, and I felt like they should learn. We live in the suburbs now, and I felt like I had no credibility telling them to try something I couldn't do." Patty Chang Anker

then the book, which investigates how ordinary people face their fears.

"I'm a really good student so I did the adult 'Learn to Ride' lesson with Bike New York," she said.

Samuel Slaton, the Communications Director of Bike New York, asked Anker to blog about her experiences for Biking the Big Apple, the organization's official blog.

"She really is inspiring, and her story has been a

huge encouragement to others who were hesitant to take on the 40-mile tour," Slaton said. "She inspired over 40 folks to sign up and join her group."

Team Some Nerve will wear yellow on Sunday.

"We'll have on T-shirts the color of sunshine," Anker said. "And big goofy grins."

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Five things to know

- A blind man from the Bronx will be biking in the tour this year. The Daily News reports that Chris Wilkinson, 67, will be riding a tandem bike with his training partner, Jack Maged, 65.

- The 40-mile route will be traffic-free, meaning that five bridges, five highways and various streets across the city will be shut down for five-hour stretches on Sunday.



The ride will pass through all five boroughs. / AARON ADLER, METRO

- Backpacks, hydration packs and bags larger than 420 cubic inches are banned at this year's event. Cyclists

will have to pack supplies in saddle bags, fanny packs, or water bottles. Rehydration stations will be set up

on the route.

- Cyclists are allowed to listen to music while they ride, but New York State Law mandates that they can only have one earbud in at a time.

- The money raised from registration fees will go toward Bike New York's free bicycle education program, which last year taught more than 15,000 New Yorkers how to ride a bike.

Transit



Taxis / GETTY IMAGES

TLC approves 30-cent taxi fare surcharge to fund more handicap cabs

New York City taxi fares will soon get a 30-cent surcharge to fund an increase in handicap cabs, according to rules approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on Wednesday.

The surcharge would be applied to all fares starting next January and used to make half of the city's taxi fleet wheelchair-accessible.

Currently, only 631 of about 14,000 taxis in the city are wheelchair-accessible, though some 90,000 residents and visitors use wheelchairs on a daily basis, according to city agencies.

Under the rules, supported by the TLC board of commissioners, 7,500 taxis would be wheelchair accessible by 2020.

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Quality of life

Cops go after break dancers on the subway

Police are cracking down on break-dancing subway performers as part of a quality of life campaign on behalf of the city's 5.5 million daily riders.

So far this year 46 subway dancers have been arrested and charged with reckless endangerment, an NYPD spokesman said on Wednesday.

Arrests of subway panhandlers have also skyrocketed, with 371 arrests so far this year.

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Reflections from the top of the Met

A woman looks at the "The Roof Garden Commission: Dan Graham with Gunther Vogt" at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The installation by Dan Graham comprises curves of steel and two-way mirrored glass between hedgerows. It will be up through Nov. 2. / GETTY IMAGES

Police arrest suspect in case of slain landlord

Murder. A man was arrested in the abduction and killing of Menachem Stark, according to reports.

One of three men in custody for the kidnapping and murder of a Brooklyn landlord confessed, according to media reports Wednesday.

Menachem Stark, 39, was last seen on surveillance footage leaving his office in Williamsburg

when two men forced him into a van just before midnight on Jan. 2, police said. The married father of seven was found 16 miles away on Long Island the next day, in a dumpster at a gas station in Great Neck, New York.

The motive was unclear at press time but DNAinfo.com reported investigators believe Stark's kidnappers were hired by a local contractor angry at him for an outstanding debt. They were only meant to frighten Stark into paying, the source told DNAinfo, and police believe the men accidentally killed him.

Kendel Felix, 26, of Crown Heights was ar-

Kidnapping

Stark was last seen on Jan. 2, police said.

- After he left his office in Williamsburg, surveillance footage shows Stark being forced into a van.

- The next day, Stark's body was found in a dumpster at a gas station in Great Neck, New York.

rested on Thursday night and was charged with murder in the second degree. METRO

Crime

Bridge jumpers suspected in upstate murder

The man and woman who jumped off the George Washington Bridge and died Monday had killed an elderly man they were living with in upstate New York, police officials said

Wednesday.

The couple, Gary Crockett, 41, and Nickie Circelli, 40, were pulled from the Hudson River alive but died at a nearby hospital, according to Port Authority Police.

Cops believe that the couple, both of Suffern, New York, had killed Circelli's uncle before

leaping from the bridge while holding hands, local authorities said Wednesday.

Suffern police said the pair had been living with Circelli's 70-year-old uncle when he discovered they were stealing from him. Police believe the couple killed him sometime on Monday. ANNA SANDERS

Police bust gun ring between NYC and Georgia

Holstered. More than 155 firearms were captured in the operation.

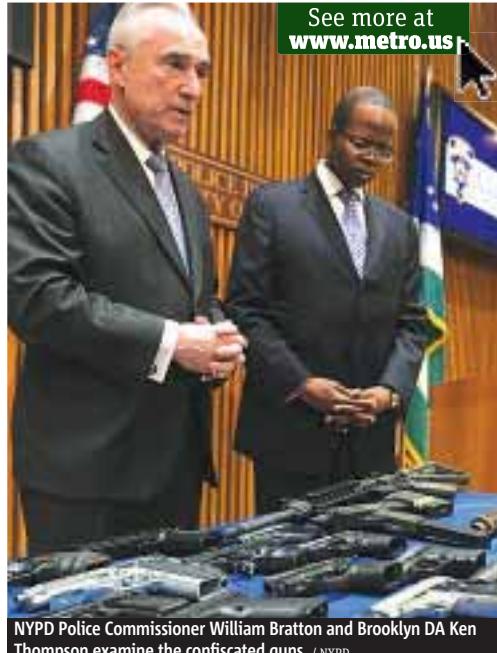
A family of alleged gun traffickers were indicted on Wednesday after local authorities shut down a firearm pipeline between Brooklyn and Georgia.

New York City Police Department Commissioner Bill Bratton and Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson released a 558-count indictment against six suspects while standing alongside a spread of firearms confiscated after the seven-month investigation.

In all, police picked up at least 155 firearms, including an AR-15, a MAC-11, two TEC-9 automatic weapons and 151 other varieties of pistols.

Michael Brewer Quick, 32, allegedly made at least 13 trips between LaGrange, Georgia, and Brooklyn's Canarsie section, each time bringing up as many as 25 firearms at a time. Quick would then unknowingly sell the weapons to an undercover police officer.

"The apparently easy accessibility of these weapons threatened the safety and security of our Brooklyn communities," Thompson



NYPD Police Commissioner William Bratton and Brooklyn DA Ken Thompson examine the confiscated guns. / NYPD

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Dangerous trade

"Our joint investigation with the NYPD has put an end to a major gun trafficking operation that brought illegal firearms to Brooklyn from Georgia."

Thompson

son said.

The district attorney said Quick, who also has a home in Staten Island, coordinated with wife Aliyah Camille Dowell and two uncles, Rodney Brewer and Albert Pless, to gather the weapons in Georgia and wire their profit to purchase more guns.

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Islam

Developer behind 'ground zero mosque' replaces plans with museum

The developer behind the controversial Islamic community center two blocks from the World Trade Center announced plans for the property have been scrapped in favor of a smaller museum dedicated to the Muslim faith.

The New York Times first reported on Tuesday that developer Sharif



The site of the museum
GETTY IMAGES

host academic and cultural events.

"New York's arts and cultural institutions have always been a great inspiration to me, and I consider this opportunity to create a museum to be a true privilege," El-Gamal said in a statement through a spokesman.

El-Gamal's previous plans for the \$100 million center drew criticism from conservative groups outraged that any establishment promoting the Muslim faith would be near the site of the 9/11 attacks.

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History. Council holds its first hearing on municipal ID cards

Despite what an administration official admitted on Wednesday was an "aggressive timeline," lawmakers are confident a plan to develop a municipal ID program will go live before year's end.

Boosted by Mayor Bill de Blasio's commitment to the proposal, the City Council held its first hearing on the program that would offer ID cards to 500,000 residents living in New York City without residency or citizenship documentation.

"Let it be known and let it be clear," City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said, "that this is a priority of this New York City Council and we will have municipal IDs in New York City."

Mindy Tarlow, director of the mayor's operations office, told the council that they were conscious of concerns from the immigrant community that



**The hearing was led by
Councilman Carlos Menchaca.**

WILLIAM ALATRISTE

an ID program might put undocumented residents at risk.

"This administration is emphatically committed to protecting the privacy of information gathered from this initiative," Tarlow testified.

The council questioned what the city could do to make a city-provided ID card more attractive to all residents, including discounts to institutions or access to public libraries.

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9/11 Memorial

Site creates record of WTC attacks

A new online registry allows the world to share and view firsthand testimonials of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

The 9/11 Memorial Registries, unveiled Wednesday, create a historical record of the Sept. 11 attacks and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Participants can share firsthand testimonials with survivors, witnesses and recovery and rescue workers. The database also welcomes submissions and pictures of the 9/11 memorials worldwide.

In addition to the online database, visitors can experience the registries at the 9/11 Memorial Museum, which opens May 21.

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NBA owners likely to force Sterling to sell

Removing Sterling.

The board's advisory finance committee will hold a meeting today to go over the next steps.

The National Basketball Association's 29 team owners will likely vote to force Donald Sterling to sell the Los Angeles Clippers after he was banned for life for racist comments, some of the owners said on Wednesday.

As it appeared more likely the team would be put up for sale, talk show host turned media businesswoman Oprah Winfrey emerged among potential buyers who have expressed interest. She said she was in discussions with producer and film studio executive David Geffen and Oracle Corp. computer technology Chief



Susan Wright holds a sign protesting racist comments outside Staples Center before a playoff game in Los Angeles. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"We run a color-blind league, and this should not be tolerated."

Vivek Ranadive, Sacramento Kings owner, told ESPN radio.

Executive Officer Larry Ellison to bid for the team if it becomes available.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, who also an-

nounced a \$2.5 million fine on Sterling on Tuesday, asked the league's governing board of fellow owners to act immediately to force Sterling to sell the club he bought 33 years ago.

Although no firm date for the vote was given by the NBA, early indications were that owners would overwhelmingly support the unprecedented move.

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Data share

Senators ready to try again on cybersecurity legislation

U.S. administration officials, private sector executives and privacy advocates are reviewing a draft of a bill that would encourage sharing of cybersecurity data between the government and companies, two key Senators said on Wednesday.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, and Vice Chairman Saxby Chambliss, a Georgia Republican, said they have circulated the draft to key stakeholders in its early stages to avoid the disagreements that have thwarted passage in the past.

Lawmakers have been considering legislation to provide clarity about how private companies should be required to disclose security breaches. **REUTERS**

Opposition. Senate Republicans block bid to hike minimum wage

U.S. Senate Republicans on Wednesday blocked one of President Barack Obama's top legislative priorities, a bill to raise the federal minimum wage for the first time in five years.

On a nearly party-line vote of 54-42, supporters fell short of the 60 votes that would have been needed to end a procedural roadblock against the legislation in the Democratic-led Senate.

Just one Republican, Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, joined Democrats in voting to advance the bill.

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid switched his vote from yes to no to reserve his right to bring up the bill again.

President Barack Obama attacked Republicans over their opposition at an event at the White House later in the day where he again argued that 16 million minimum-wage workers deserve a raise.



Democrats argue that an increase would boost the economy overall. **REUTERS**

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The bill would increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour during the next three years and then adjust it for inflation in the future. The federal minimum wage is now \$7.25 an hour.

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Rain. Flooding batters Southeast reeling from deadly tornadoes



People survey the damage on Scenic Highway after part of the road collapsed following heavy rains and flash flooding on Wednesday in Pensacola, Fla. / GETTY IMAGES

Severe floods in Florida's Panhandle and coastal Alabama deluged roads and engulfed homes and cars on Wednesday, the latest mayhem created by a tornado-packing storm system that has killed at least 34 people in the United States this week.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency for 26 counties inundated by as much as 1 to 3 inches of rain per

The worst flooding

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The flooding appears to be the worst in 30 years in the Panhandle, according to initial radar images of the rainfall, said Eric Ebsen, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

hour as severe thunderstorms raced across the northern part of the state.

Emergency workers

received about 300 calls for evacuations in the Panhandle, where up to 22 inches of rainfall was recorded in recent days, Scott told reporters at an emergency operations center south of Tallahassee.

"There's a lot of water on the ground," the governor said, adding that the threat for more flash flooding remained. Roads were closed in many Panhandle counties. **REUTERS**

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Oklahoma. Botched execution reignites death penalty debate

Oklahoma inmate Clayton Lockett died during a botched execution on Tuesday, minutes after a doctor had called a halt to the procedure, raising more questions about new death penalty cocktails used by the state and others.

Thirteen minutes after a doctor administered a lethal injection at the state's death chamber in McAlester, Lockett lifted his head and started mum-

bling. The doctor halted the execution, said state corrections department spokesman Jerry Massie.

Lockett died of an apparent massive heart attack about 40 minutes after the procedure started.

"We believe that a vein was blown and the drugs weren't working as they were designed to. The director ordered a halt to the execution," Massie said. **REUTERS**

World Health Organization

'Superbugs' that can overpower antibiotics are spreading

The spread of deadly superbugs that evade even the most powerful antibiotics is no longer a prediction but is happening right now

across the world, United Nations officials said.

Antibiotic resistance has the potential to affect anyone, of any age, in any country, the U.N.'s World Health Organization said in a report. It is now a major threat to public health and "the implications will be devastating". **REUTERS**



Armed pro-Russian separatists stand guard outside the seized regional police building in Lugansk, Ukraine. / GETTY IMAGES

Blame. The new Ukrainian government claims Russia is behind the unrest.

Pro-Moscow separatists seized government offices in more Ukrainian towns on Wednesday, in a further sign that authorities in Kiev are losing control of the country's eastern industrial heartland bordering Russia.

Gunmen who turned up at dawn took control of official buildings in Horlivka, a town of almost 300,000 people, said a Reuters photographer. They refused to be photographed.

The heavily armed men wore the same military uniforms without insignia as other unidentified "green men" who have joined pro-Russian protesters with clubs and chains

in seizing control of towns across Ukraine's Donbass coal and steel belt.

Attempts to contain the insurgency by the government in Kiev have proved largely unsuccessful, with security forces repeatedly outmaneuvered by the separatists.

Daniel Baer, the U.S. ambassador to the OSCE, a European security watchdog which has monitors in the region, told reporters in Vienna: "I think it's very clear that what is happening would not be happening without Russian involvement." **REUTERS**

Separatists

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Some 30 pro-Russian separatists also seized a city council building in Alchevsk, further east in Luhansk region, Interfax-Ukraine news agency said.

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V. Stiviano is v. saddened by Sterling's ouster

V. Stiviano might be many things (namely, an artist, lover, writer, chef, poet, stylist and philanthropist, according to her Instagram), but she is not heartless.

Stiviano, who recently gained notoriety as Donald Sterling's alleged ex-lover, is "very saddened" by the NBA's decision to place a lifetime ban on Sterling, reports the Los Angeles Times. Her lawyer Mac Nehoray told the Times that Stiviano "never wanted to harm Donald."

He also claimed that Stiviano did not release the recordings and is mortified about the incident. Nehoray said "someone released it for money" — but someone who was not Stiviano. "My client is devastated that this got out," he told the Times. Nehoray told the Los Angeles Times that he and Stiviano have an idea who the person is. Nehoray stated that



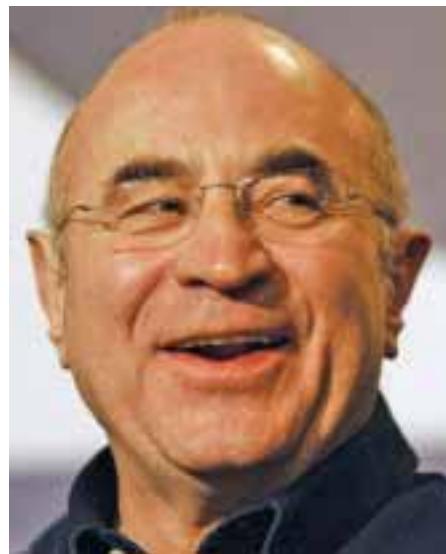
According to her lawyer, Stiviano "never wanted to harm Donald." / GETTY IMAGES

Stiviano, 31, was never in a relationship with Sterling, 80. "It's nothing like it's been portrayed," Nehoray said. "She's not the type of person everyone says." He said Sterling's estranged wife Rochelle was friends with Stiviano and knew that Sterling had purchased an apartment for her.

He also described Stiviano as an upstanding citizen who worked as a waitress and volunteered to help crime victims before starting her job as an archivist for Sterling.

V. Stiviano: Artist, lover, writer, chef, poet, stylist, philanthropist, waitress, volunteer and archivist.

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Bob Hoskins dies at 71

An English actor arguably best known for playing a gruff American in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," Bob Hoskins died at age 71 from pneumonia, his publicist confirmed yesterday. Hoskins, who also starred in such hits as "Mermaids" and "Hook," had been suffering from Parkinson's disease since 2011 and had retired in 2012. The actor is survived by his wife, Linda Banwell, and four children.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking points

Diaz: 'I have been with a lady'

Cameron Diaz has been making some bold proclamations lately, telling Glamour magazine that "all women have been sexually attracted to another woman at some point." Well, it turns out she knows of what she speaks, as Bravo's Andy Co-



CAMERON DIAZ

hen managed to pull some interesting information out of the actress during a re-

cent interview. "Yes, I have been with a lady," Diaz said in response to a question about lesbian encounters, but she wasn't willing to get into specifics.

Zellweger turns to Moore

Renee Zellweger is reportedly worrying herself

senseless about mounting a career comeback — and has turned to Demi Moore for help as a life coach, according to Star magazine. "Renee's acting future looks very uncertain. Renee is in deep therapy dealing with her anxiety about appearing on camera again after a string of embarrassing movie flops," a source says.



Twitter feed

Kevin Hart is feeling the burn, **Mindy Kaling** is feeling big-headed, **Ricky Martin** has faith and **Sarah Silverman** is considering a career in writing state mottos.

@KevinHart4real: Gym time sucka's....operation summer body is still in session and almost complete!!!! Oooohhhh kiiiiillleeeemmmm

@mindykaling: my head is too heavy it flattens even the firmest of pillows

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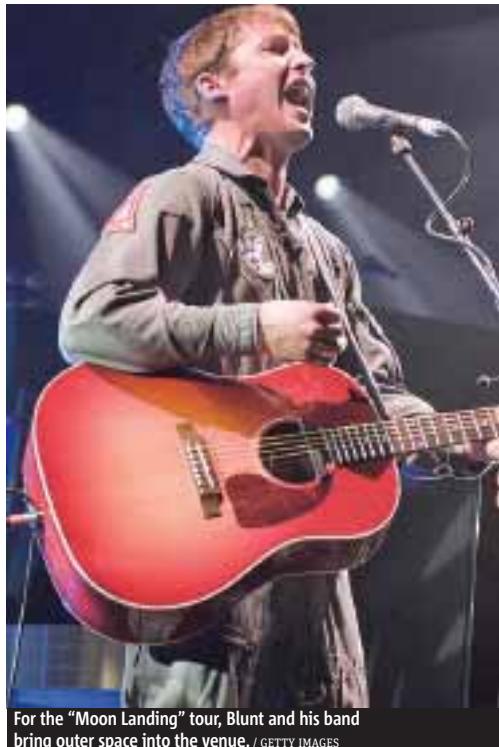
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Back to 'Back to'

Houston, do you copy?

For "Moon Landing," Blunt enlisted Tom Rothrock, who produced "Back to Bedlam," the album that spawned the "one song that the whole world knows" Blunt speaks of, "You're Beautiful." One song on the new album that feels especially personal is "Miss America," a tribute to Whitney Houston.

"What was interesting and tragic about her was that the insight into her life overtook her talent," says Blunt. "Amy Winehouse was something similar ... where we speculate to such a degree that we almost become players in their downfall, because every time we buy a magazine to read about their worst moments ... another paparazzi is sent out; and with every new lens pointed in their faces, I think their world becomes that much smaller and their problems much more intense."



For the "Moon Landing" tour, Blunt and his band bring outer space into the venue. / GETTY IMAGES

To be Blunt. The singer who made his name with "You're Beautiful" has some harsh words for critics and new words for himself.

James Blunt has come to terms with the success that made him a household name almost a decade ago. And with his new album, "Moon Landing," he says he was finally able to produce a collection of songs that is almost a logical extension of his 2004 debut, "Back to Bedlam."

"This album is the album I would have written and recorded if the other albums hadn't sold the way they did," he says. "These are songs that are personal. ... I suppose a great example is ... 'Goodbye My Lover' on the first album, which

is opening yourself up, and then to have it be a commercial success you also get a lot of criticism."

When the topic of criticism comes up, Blunt reveals his acid tongue in a hilariously lightning-fast rant.

"I don't sing songs about how big and strong I am," he says. "I was in the Army for six years and I know how perfectly strong I am. I was in the war and I know how hard and rough it is to get in a serious fight. So instead of singing about that, I sing about my weakness. ... Any critique you have is probably from one

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guy in his bedroom with his trousers around his ankles in the shadows, feeling brave as a result."

It's taken a while for Blunt to come to this level of acceptance.

"My first record I cut to try and get a record deal, and I did," he says. "I made the album as an innocent and naive recording, then being on that indie label as I was, it became mainstream with one song that the whole world knows. And because of that I wrote a reactionary album called 'All Lost Souls.' It wasn't written to embrace the new audience I had. ... And then the third album I did embrace it more — there's fun to be had as a pop star, and so I wrote songs for my arenas. ... But with all the fun ... it wasn't nearly as fulfilling as when you are writing something much more personal."



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Andrew Garfield's Spider-Man whimsically tosses a device that's probably highly dangerous in his latest outing. / NIKO TAVERNISE

What you'll see**'The Amazing Spider-Man 2'**

1 The second in a reboot of a franchise that happened only last decade deviates from the originals, having Andrew Garfield's Spidey fight Electro (Jamie Foxx) and — oh wait, Green Goblin (Dane DeHaan) is here too. That's not new.

2 'Belle'

The strangely obscure story of Dido Elizabeth Belle (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), an heiress of mixed race who struggled to navigate 18th century England, gets a very Jane Austen-style movie, albeit one that slips politics in among the courting.

3 'Ida'

Pawel Pawlikowski ("My Summer of Love") directs this mordant drama, about a novice nun (Agata Trzebuchowska) on a road trip with her boozing aunt

(Agata Kulesza) to find the grave of her parents, murdered by Nazis.

4 'The Protector 2'

In 2010, Thai butt-kicker Tony Jaa ("Ong-Bak") quit acting to become a monk. Luckily, he came back. Before he pops up in "Fast & Furious 7," see him in his comeback picture, a sequel to his 2005 stunner.

5 'Beneath the Harvest Sky'

A recent Tribeca Film Festival player, this drama

has Maine teen boys eking out existences during the fall potato harvest.

6 'Decoding Annie Parker'

Samantha Morton and Helen Hunt headline this ensemble drama as, respectively, a woman with cancer and a geneticist researching it. Aaron Paul, Rashida Jones, Alice Eve and others co-star.

7 'The Other Woman'

Nick Cassavetes ("The Notebook") does another film his father, director

John Cassavetes, likely never would've touched: A comedy in which three women (Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann and Kate Upton) gang up on the man they're all sleeping with, assuming monogamy.

8 'Brick Mansions'

Ten years ago the French film "District B13" introduced parkour to action films. Now it has been remade with the late Paul Walker as the good cop in an "Escape From New York"-style criminal compound.

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The stats

Gugu Mbatha-Raw

Where you've seen her: An English actress, she was co-lead in the Kiefer Sutherland show "Touch." She played Ophelia in the stage production of "Hamlet" starring Jude Law, which played the West End and Broadway.

Where she is now: In the Jane Austen-y "Belle," she plays Dido Elizabeth Belle, a real-life mixed-race heiress who lived in 18th-century London.

Where she's going: She has a key role in the Wachowskis' "Jupiter Ascending" with Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis and Eddie Redmayne. She'll also star in the rom-com "Blackbird" with Minnie Driver and Danny Glover.



Mbatha-Raw plays an heiress in the historical costume drama "Belle." / GETTY IMAGES

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Meet Gugu Mbatha-Raw

Intros. The English actress hits the big time playing a real-life mixed-race heiress in "Belle."

On playing an obscure historical personage:

There's a book coming out now, but there wasn't a lot of information about Dido at the time. We do know she lived in the house. There was a report by an American businessman who came to visit. We know she wasn't allowed to sit with them at the dinner table, but she'd come out after. This guy was completely shocked by that. We also know Lord Mansfield [master of the house she lived in] left her money in his will. That was pretty unusual at the time, to be held in such affection.

On using a painting of Dido as an influence: The painting was a big clue,

Something new

Genre bender

On "Belle" as a twist on the Jane Austen film: "I grew up watching 'Pride and Prejudice,' with Colin Firth, and 'Sense and Sensibility.' But we've not seen stories from this perspective before — not only from a woman's perspective, but also from a woman of color. And it's a British perspective of the slave experience. It deals with Britain's experiences of benefiting financially from the slave trade."

where she's depicted in a sumptuous gown and she's looking directly at the viewer. She's not in a subservient position. She was relatively equal to [her cousin] Elizabeth in the painting. All those little pieces of detective work inspired the story.

On Dido having to skip out on social events

at home: I think she repressed those daily humiliations. The racism that is depicted in the script is not the brutality we often see on the screen. It's more about the nuances of society, which can be just as painful, in a different way, on an emotional level. That scene where she's staring in the mirror after she's asked why she doesn't dine with the family — all of that inequality that she's been pushing down explodes.

On the film's portrait of female struggles: The marriage market in that period was ruthless. And

yet Dido was financially secure. She could marry for love, she had an inheritance, unlike her cousin, who needed to find her financial security. I'm glad it's not as savage today, but this is still something that people deal with in different parts of the world. Arranged marriages and women's freedom and equality are still questions.

On the costumes: The costumes are so helpful as well. Wearing a corset certainly changes your posture entirely and gives you a whole different way of moving and using your physicality.

On Dido as a role model: I think it's important for bi-racial girls even now to be able to see themselves in history. I think if you can root yourself in a historical place, then the sky's the limit, really.

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Mbatha-Raw gets to do the Jane Austen thing in "Belle." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Heidi Klum spills her best style secrets

Model behavior.

Steal the supermodel's tips for looking good even when you're pressed for time.

Heidi Klum is a top model, businesswoman, TV host and mom. But she still made time to tell us her beauty secrets and tips for looking good even when you're crazy busy.

What beauty products do you rely on to look glamorous even when you're frazzled?

I wear a lot of mascara and a beautiful lipstick. I like to talk with my eyes, so I need a lot of mascara.

What's your beauty routine on your days off?

On my days off, I don't do too much. I might put on a BB cream to hide imperfections, but I don't put a lot of makeup on. It's good to give your skin a break



and go natural every once in a while.

Do you only wear high heels to work, or do you wear them every day?

I wear them as much as possible because when I don't wear them and I walk into a room, people go, "You are so much shorter than I thought!" I'm 5'9," but this is what happens because I think most people think of me as an Amazon woman. So when I have to meet new people I'm always in heels.

Do you have any tips for buying shoes?

When you go into a shoe store and try shoes on, you really have to walk around and see if you can actually walk. So many times in the shoe store, you put the shoes on, and you're like: "Yeah, they fit." And you bring them home and realize that you can't walk in them. There's nothing more unattractive than when a woman can't walk in heels. You should really

know how to walk them before you buy them. Otherwise it's better to go a little shorter in a heel.

Are there any hot trends

Hot mama

What is your best tip to getting dressed when you're a busy mom with a job?

My best tip is to get rid of all the things that don't look good, so you don't have the temptation to wear those things again. Maybe just try things on in front of an honest friend that will tell you if it doesn't look good on you. Sometimes jeans are just too tight, even though you feel like they fit. It's good to get rid of things, like the baggy sweatpants you should not be wearing anymore. I like to slouch around too, but I don't let myself go too slouchy. So the super-slouchy things — goodbye!

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this season that are catching your eye?

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Heidi hangs with daughter Leni on a day out. / GC IMAGES



Lorde's winged-eyeliner and purple-lips look isn't just for teens. / PROVIDED

Royal beauty. Lorde unveils collaboration with MAC Cosmetics

The New Zealand-born pop sensation's collaboration with cosmetics brand MAC will hit stores June 5.

The Grammy award-winning artist only turned 17 last November, but her star is on the rise. Now the first products from Lorde's collaboration with MAC have been revealed.

There are no surprises when it comes to the color palette: It's as deep and dark as Lorde's own musical and personal style. The lipstick comes in the singer's signature deep plum shade, while the liquid eyeliner comes in an inky black.

"I have loved MAC

Cosmetics since I was a little kid," said Lorde when the collection was first announced last month.



"I remember saving up to buy my very first MAC lipstick at 14, and it was used by about 20 of my friends!" AFP

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Sex, cells. A new study links excessive use of cellphones with impotence.

According to a recent study, there's a possible link between carrying around a switched-on mobile phone and impotence.

Mobile phones have been blamed for all sorts of modern ailments, from chronic stress to brain tumors. Now medical researchers in Austria and Egypt have added yet another condition to

the list. The conclusions of their study, published in the Central European Journal of Urology, indicate that intensive daily exposure to a switched-on mobile phone could be linked to erectile dysfunction.

Researchers studied two groups of men over

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The number of hours the men in the group who did not experience impotence had their phones turned on and in their hands or pockets

six years, noting that there was no significant difference between the two groups in terms of age, weight, height, smoking habits or testosterone levels.

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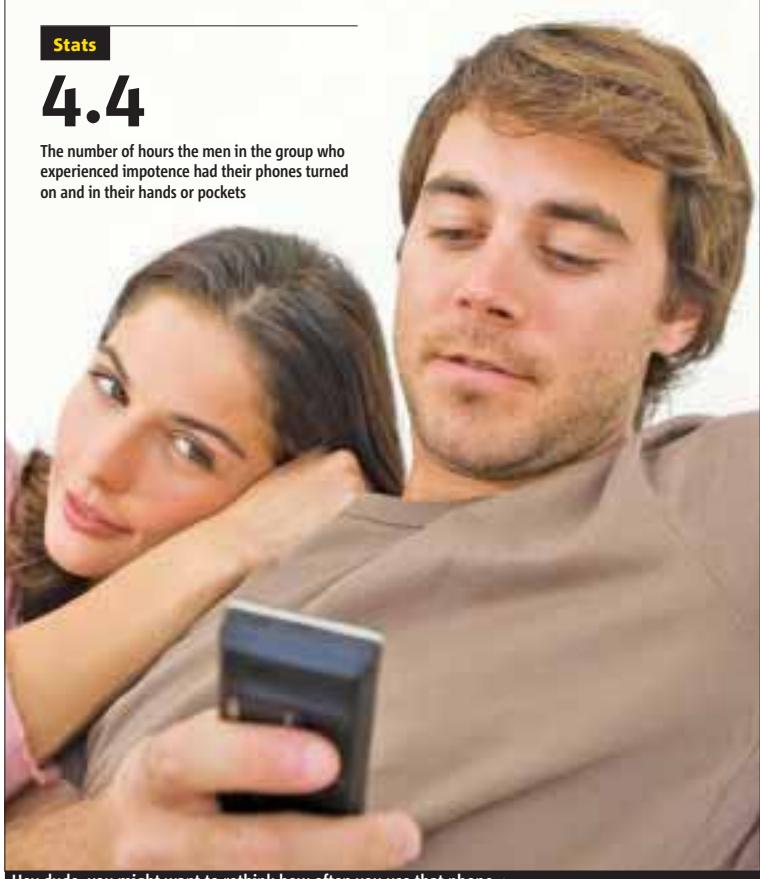
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The number of hours the men in the group who experienced impotence had their phones turned on and in their hands or pockets



Hey dude, you might want to rethink how often you use that phone. / GOODSHOT

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I scream, you scream and men with erectile dysfunction scream for this type of ice cream. iSTOCKPHOTO

That's cool. Get ready for Viagra ice cream

Ice cream company Lick Me I'm Delicious will give you more than an oral tingle. The England-based group's famed dessert, dubbed "The Arousal," is laced with Viagra to give any well-respecting male host the necessary lift to keep the fun and games going well into the night. Inventor Charlie Harry Francis explains why he's giving new meaning to "having seconds."

When you created this Viagra ice cream, did you want the taste to add to the sensuality?

It made sense for me to reference aphrodisiacs like oysters, but I wouldn't say it was the tastiest thing—it doesn't mix well with cream. In the end, we moved to champagne, so each ball (funny word) had

35 milligrams of Viagra in it, which is a basic dose (1-2 tablets). Then we made each ball separately so that it had the correct amount in it.

Did it work on you?
[Laughs] No, no I didn't try it with Viagra. There's actually a reason I can't, but I'm not sure I want to share that.

Is this the oddest ice cream flavor that you've created?

Viagra is the funniest, but the oddest was the glow-in-the-dark ice cream because of the science behind it, which uses jellyfish luminescence. If you lick it, it glows, which is pretty exciting. Your tongue acts like a light bulb switch.

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DON'T LET THE HEADLINES RIP APART YOUR ROMANCE



Dating and hooking up can be exciting processes of discovery shared between two or more people who love each other's' genitals. Sometimes your fact-finding activities lead to less-than-desirable revelations. One minute you're laughing and the next, a hot-button news item pops up and triggers a fiery debate. If this sounds like something that would get you pissed off, hot and a little bit turned on, don't necessarily let headlines rip your potential relationships apart.

Vote for your mutual pleasure. It should always win. If you are currently interested in dating someone further along the political spectrum than you are, here are a few tips to keep the passion burning without igniting any damaging explosions:

Have adult conversations

Do not distract, evade, deflect or otherwise attempt to manipulate your partner into believing you are someone or something that you are not. Be honest about your political leanings, and agree to not discuss certain topics or walk away from the relationship if needed.

Think outside of the box

From new fetishes to

"Wow, that was some good bedroom-warming, but I really wish this person felt differently about global warming." / IMAGE SOURCE

Funky Brown Chick

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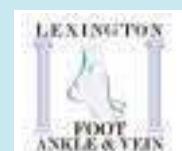
Most importantly

Don't expect your partner to change

Seriously, give up. You won't convince them that their long-standing beliefs are wrong. I don't care how good you are in bed!

of humanity. Racist, homophobic or anti-Semitic remarks are reasonable boundaries. Other hard lines might be less extreme, but that doesn't make them unimportant. Your takeaway: Not all differences of opinion are surmountable.

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Before



After

"After 7 years, I can finally wear heels again" - C. Stephen

Margaritas for Cinco de Mayo

The standard is great and all, but try one of these unique interpretations this Monday.

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- 2 oz. Maestro Dobel
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- 1 oz. lime juice
- Splash of agave nectar

Shake all ingredients, stir into a fresh glass with ice, garnish with a fresh pineapple and Tajin, if available.



Plus: Where to watch the Derby

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Saturday, 2-7 p.m.
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Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
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Boqueria NYC, multiple locations, www.boqueria-nyc.com

2 parts shishito-infused Tequila Avion Silver*

1 part fresh lime
5 part simple syrup

Combine ingredients in shaker with ice. Shake and fine strain over fresh ice in a lowball glass. Garnish with a lime wheel or sliced shishito pepper.

* Marinate one seedless shishito pepper in a 750ml bottle of Tequila Avion Silver overnight.



Nightlife. Miss Scorpio opens up about Gemini & Scorpio parties

The nightlife scene has shifted. Thrill-seekers are tired of flashing ID, putting up with the bridge-and-tunnel crowd and listening to an iTunes-generated playlist of over-exposed pop songs. Jamie Kiffel (Miss Gemini) and Larisa Fuchs (Miss Scorpio) know this, which is why they began throwing their own parties, attracting the types of people they want to meet and generating exclusive invite lists.

Kiffel and Fuchs met in 2002 when Kiffel moved in to Fuchs' ex-boyfriend's place. The two bonded over tales of their online dating experiences, and planned to write a book about dating. They began compiling cool events going on around town (subscribe at www.geminiandscorpio.com) and throwing their own parties as an extra to their intended book in hopes of attracting the kind of creative types they wanted to meet, and because they wanted to suggest interesting date ideas.

"We'd already been



The G&S's 2012 New Year's Eve party, The Glitter Ball, featured this fiery performer. / SAMANTHA LEVIN

throwing some spectacular themed costume house parties in [my] ex's home," Fuchs says. "We started out doing just one party a year, on Valentine's Day."

In October 2011, Fuchs found her dream party loft in Gowanus. The fetes boast unusual themes, costumes, burlesque acts, live bands, elaborate decor, aerial and fire artists and after-hours delights.

Fuchs says she is amazed at how big the parties have become. "It's wild," she says. "I know a few babies born to couples who met at our events."

JAY HONSTETTER

Intergalactic

May the Fourth be with you

Gemini & Scorpio are throwing a "May the Fourth" Star Wars Day party beginning at 9 p.m. on May 3 and continuing well into the early hours of the 4th. Called Cantina at the End of the Universe, the party will have you dancing in a galaxy far, far away. Costumes are required, Jedi! Tickets are \$20, RSVP required.

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Awkward Sex... and the City

Tonight, 8 p.m.
The People's Improv Theater
123 E. 24th St.
\$10, 212-563-7488
www.thepit-nyc.com

The only thing better than a good NYC story is a good NYC sex story. And that's only thing better than that is an awkward NYC sex story — and in this crazy place, aren't most NYC sex stories awkward? Witness the very funny Emmy Harrington ("Reno 911"), Jillian Green ("Balls"), Jamie Lelio ("Brunch Night... with Jamie Lelio") and more recount their most awkward sexual experiences for your amusement. No, Sarah Jessica Parker will not be there.

R MBA Presents: Bounce Ballroom

Tonight, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn Night Bazaar
165 Bunker St., Brooklyn
\$10, www.redbulldmusicacademy.com
Red Bull Music Academy Festival is going to school you in the art of voguing. Teach that booty to bounce with four different



Last we heard, cronuts won't actually be served. Quelle horreur! / GETTY IMAGES

The Art of French Dessert: Cronuts, Croissants, Chocolate, Pastries with Dominique Ansel, Jacques Torres & Zachary Golper

May 7, 7 p.m.
FIAF Florence Gould Hall, 55 E. 59th St.; \$25, 800-982-2787; www.fiaf.org
Want to know what it takes to take pastry making to a whole new level? We're not just talking croissants and doughnuts — we're talking cronuts! Join Dominique Ansel, Jacques Torres and Zachary Golper for a discussion about pastry techniques, branding and more.

dances, four different dance crews and four DJs. It's a dance class and dance party all in one.

Birthday Sax

Tonight-Saturday, 8 p.m.
Ars Nova Theater
511 W. 54th St.
\$15, 212-489-9800
www.arsnovanyc.com
It's your favorite '80s hits

reinterpreted by Germany's über fan Manheim Tuttlingen and his Frauleins with The Garden State Saxophone Quartet. If lederhosen doesn't float your boat, we hope at least the '80s does.

Kickstarter Block Party

Saturday, noon
Kickstarter HQ
58 Kent St., Brooklyn
Free
www.kickstarter.com
Kickstarter's recent move to Greenpoint has them kicking it on Kent St. and throwing a block party to celebrate crowdfunding at its finest. Food, games, art, music, demos: It's all going down rain or shine, free of charge.

Three Amigos

Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Nitehawk Cinema
136 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn
\$16, 718-384-3980
www.nitehawkcinema.com

Pregame at this pre-Cinco screening of "Three Amigos" as part of Nitehawk's Country Brunchin' series. Chow down on some delicious grub inspired by the movie and Cinco de Mayo, and arrive early for a performance by the all-girl mariachi band Mariachi Flor de Toloache.

Join this Brooklyn brunch bike ride and get your fill of delicious coffee, chocolate, breakfast burritos, pastries and exercise all in the name of that funny time between breakfast and lunch.

10th Anniversary Screening of 'Hamburger America,' Hosted by George Motz

May 7, 6:30 p.m.
Tribeca Cinemas
54 Varick St.
\$45, 212-941-2001
www.burgerconquest.com
NY Burger Week is behind this 10th anniversary screening of George Motz's iconic "Hamburger America," hosted by Motz himself. He'll bring along the legendary Butter Burger from Solly's Grille in Milwaukee, the famous Green Chile Cheeseburger from Bobcat Bite in Santa Fe (now Santa Fe Bite) and the peanut butter-topped Guberburger from the Wheel Inn in Sedalia, Missouri. Taste what you see on the screen, then diet for a year — it'll be well worth it.

JAY HONSTETTER

Thrillist's Taco Knockout

Friday, 1 p.m.

Tequila Park Taqueria at the Hudson Hotel
356 W. 58th St.
\$50-\$75, 212-554-6217
www.thrillist.com

Thrillist just couldn't wait for May 5, so they decided to throw a "Quattro de Mayo" fiesta with 10 of their favorite chefs battling each other in the second annual Taco Knockout (we're calling it taco de knocko). If you want to come back on the fifth, Tequila Park will have tacos, drinks and mariachis.

Biking Brunch in Williamsburg and Greenpoint

Saturday, 1 p.m.
Various locations in Brooklyn
\$25, www.meetup.com

Upload your own events!

Have an upcoming event that you want to let Metro readers know about? Send an email to events@metro.us and we'll get it on our new listings website.

Scrabble For Cheaters

Saturday, noon
826NYC
372 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn
\$50, 718-499-9884
www.826nyc.org
Cheats include "Invent a Word," "Buy a Vowel" and more that'll help you get one step closer to winning the Cheaters Cup. All money supports free programs offered to NYC public school students.



Like cheating at Scrabble and raising money for a good cause? / GETTY IMAGES

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For your mama dearest

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Products

1 Pictures of the kids plus an engraved personal message: Pottery Barn's picture frames combine two Mother's Day staples for a guaranteed home run.

2 Breakfast in bed means toast crumbs in bed. Instead, pack up a picnic in C. Wonder's well-equipped wicker basket. It even comes with a blanket!

3 Luna & Stella's customizable birthstone necklaces let her keep her moons and stars close at all times.

4 Plant seedlings in West Elm's terracotta chalkboard planters. Pen cute messages on said planters. Take all of the credit and thank us later.



Mother's Day. From the kids



Handmade cards and cutesy crafts are great from the little ones, but it wouldn't hurt if you helped the kiddos finance a little something extra. If diapers are involved, we suggest picking more than one of these gifts.

MONICA WEYMOUTH



Products

1 Dooney & Bourke's new Rose Garden tote has room for all of her essentials and her little extras.

2 Woven in Spain, Restoration Hardware's oversized mohair throw is as cuddly as they come.

3 All proceeds from Same Sky's hand-crocheted Infinity Twist earrings benefit female artisans in Rwanda.

4 For the asana-mama: Get her padded grip socks from Pointe Studio

(\$10) and a heart-happy handmade yoga bag from Hiho Batik.

5 Stuffed full of treats from Paris' famous gourmet food market, La Grande Epicerie, this tres yummy gift box features delights including cotton candy-flavored powdered sugar, raspberry rice pudding and Malta orange marmalade. Oui, s'il vous plaît!

6 We love this bow-be-decked, pretty-in-pink makeup bag from Ted Baker London.



2 Featuring a two-way mirror, the My Spy Birdhouse provides a safe, private space for mama bird to raise her brood while giving your family a peek into their lives. \$15, at drugstores and www.myspybirdhouse.com



Parle Presents The Mother's Day Boat Ride



More gift ideas

1 You know what erases a year of dirty diapers and other bodily fluids? Vera Wang princess-cut diamond studs. (Did you really think that answer was going to be cheap?) \$1,300, www.zales.com



Horoscope

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Small business ventures are likely to pay off. Consider real estate projects if you are looking to gain additional financial security.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't let anyone stifle your creative output. You may feel edgy around others. Attend to personal pleasures. Steer clear of a jealous peer.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Refrain from squandering valuable time daydreaming about past events. What's done is done. Face the future.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Share your plans with others. You will gain unexpected rewards from your involvement in a worthwhile cause.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Keep your anger at bay. Think before you speak. If you are too hasty to judge, you may end up alienating a loved one.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Love is in the stars. Your intuition will guide you to a romantic encounter today. Don't hesitate to share your hopes with the one you love.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Household duties you have been neglecting will have to be dealt with swiftly. An older relative is in need of your assistance.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Your self-confidence will enhance your appeal. You'll do well if you get out and mingle. A new acquaintance is likely to play a role in your future.

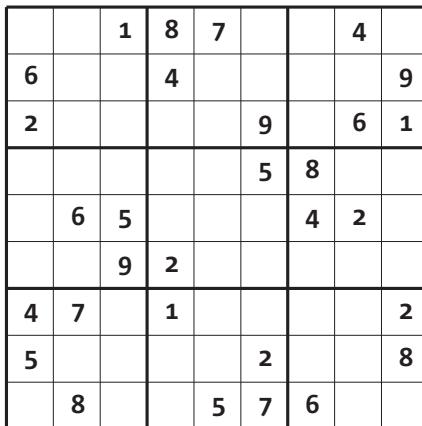
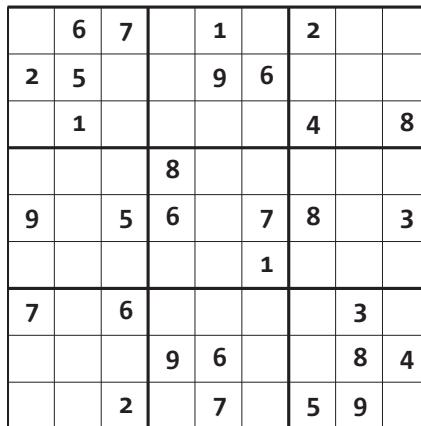
Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You will meet with opposition if you reveal plans too early. Your success will depend upon following through with your plans.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You are overdue for some entertainment. Attend a social function. Your charisma and charm will help you meet new friends.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Refrain from making a hasty decision. You will be able to make an informed choice once you have considered all the relevant details.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Connections can be made if you spend time with stimulating people. Your mood will lead to a companion. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Sudoku: Easy and hard



How to play

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

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1 Ski slope bump
6 Made a fast exit
10 Vulcan high priestess
14 Helen, in Spanish
15 Stratagem
16 Tirade
17 Goes downhill
18 Med. school course
19 — spumante
20 Trig function
21 Like sci-fi
23 Wished for
25 Ulysses' home
26 Billiards stick
27 Angrily
29 Bellow
32 Asian capital
33 "Gross!"
36 Cousin's mother
37 Nerds
38 Gumshoe's find
39 Up till now
40 Divulges
41 In a blah manner
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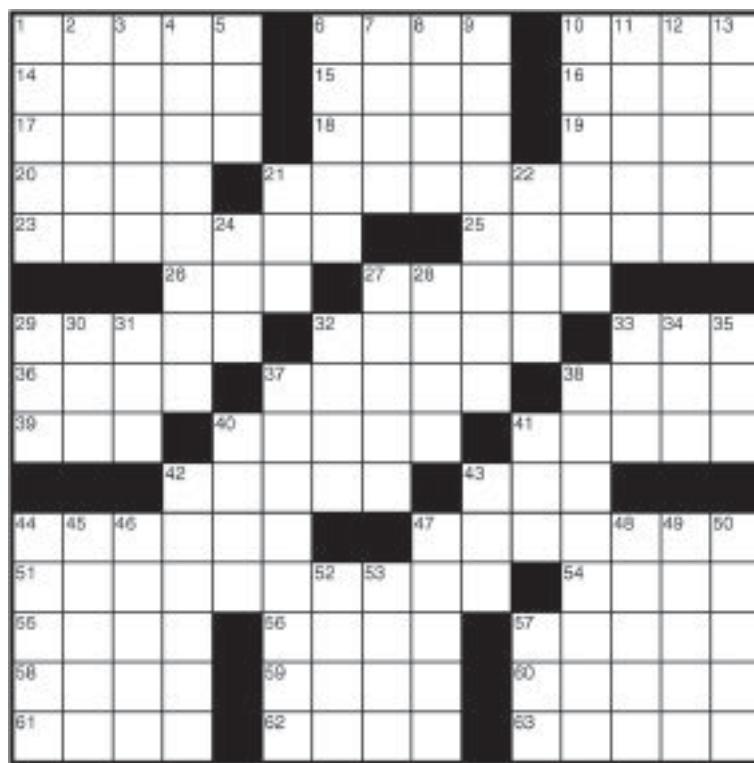
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61 Parade honoree
62 Zane or Lady Jane
63 Ms. Lauder

Down

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2 Kukla's friend
3 Davis of "The Fly"
4 Sabotage
5 — Cruces, N.M.
6 Hoax
7 Fontanne's husband
8 Hairy twin
9 Rock fragments
10 Cheap
11 Tasty carbohydrate
12 Funny business
13 Carthage neighbor
21 Service charge
22 — cost you"
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28 Klutz's mutter
29 Recite
30 Color
31 Sudbury's prov.
32 Paddock papa

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CONGLOMERATE	ODOR	TAKE
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Letters

Follow the money, all right

nefarious liberal agenda? The outrage is due to ignorance of scientific facts.

PATRICK MONTERO, VIA EMAIL

Sporting a double standard

Re: 'Climate cha-ching' (Metro, April 30) While I agree that Mother Nature is an unpredictable force, I find it astonishing that far too many low-information citizens see the green movement as a money grab, when we're practically paying the equivalent of a gallon of milk for a gallon of gas. The fossil-fuel industry and speculative trading is fleecing the average consumer. Although we cannot "control" nature, why is being better stewards of the planet by lowering our carbon footprints — as well the introduction of renewables, which will allow greater access and lower costs to consumers — perceived as part of a

KIM DE RIEL, VIA EMAIL

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What we learned ...

CLAUDE GIROUX
GETTY IMAGES**1 Off the deep end**

The Rangers' depth was in full display over the course of the series. The triumvirate of Dan Carcillo, Jesper Fast and J.T. Miller all saw time with Brad Richards and Carl Hagelin, and the trio produced, finishing with two goals and three assists for five points in the seven game series.

2 Getting defensive

The Rangers' defense kept Scott Hartnell, Claude Giroux and Jakub Voracek relatively in check. Philadelphia's top line finished four goals and nine assists for 13 points in the seven-game series, but the trio was not the dominant force it typically is.

3 Power up

The power play needs to produce if the Rangers hope to play into June. The man advantage was a disadvantage against the Flyers, going 3-for-29 and 0 for their last 21.

DENIS GORMAN

Back to Brooklyn

Nets come up short in rally, lose to Raptors

At the halfway point of the 2013-14 season many experts felt Kyle Lowry would end up on another roster come playoff time.

Instead, he's spent it torturing the Nets.

Lowry had 36 points, including 21 in the first half, as the Raptors held on to beat Brooklyn, 115-113 in Game 5 to take a

Rangers best Flyers, will meet Pens next

NHL playoffs. New York held on in a tense Game 7 to knock off the Flyers and advance to the second round.

It wasn't easy, but the best things never are.

The Rangers are heading to the Metropolitan Division finals after beating the Flyers, 2-1, in Game 7 Wednesday night at the Garden.

Dan Carcillo and Benoit Pouliot scored for the Rangers.

The Rangers won the best-of-seven series 4-3, and will advance to face the Penguins starting Friday night. The Penguins beat Columbus in six games in their opening round series.

The Rangers and Penguins split the regular season series, 2-1.

In a series marked by momentum swings, the Rangers' second period Wednesday night was the



Daniel Carcillo celebrates his game-opening goal for the Rangers after being scratched in the previous game. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers**10**

The Rangers forced 10 takeaways against the Flyers, who forced just four in the Game 7 loss.

reason they advanced. The Rangers outshot the Flyers 18-5, out-attempted them 25-18 and outscored their Turnpike rivals 2-0.

Carcillo, who replaced J.T. Miller on the third line, opened the scoring 3:06 into the second period

with his second of the the series to complete a shift in which the Rangers' speed and forecheck were able to successfully pressure the Flyers in their own end.

Pouliot pushed the advantage to 2-0 8:40 after Carcillo's goal. Pouliot, whose play in the series up to that point had been marked by three bad penalties in the offensive zone, beat Zac Rinaldo to the low slot before one-timing a Derick Brassard pass past Steve Mason.

Mason finished with 31 saves.

Henrik Lundqvist made the lead hold up, as he made 26 saves in improving to 4-1 all-time in Game 7s. His lone mistake was Jason Akeson's off-wing drive 4:32 into the third which cut the lead to 2-1.

"They scored and we got a little bit on our heels there," Brad Richards said. "Luckily we killed it off. It felt like a P.K. [penalty kill]."

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SPORTS

**Something stinks**

Winston cited for stealing crab legs

Sometimes a man just has to have some seafood. Heisman Trophy-winning QB Jameis Winston was cited for shoplifting Wednesday after taking \$32 worth of crab legs and crawfish from a supermarket without paying. He was not arrested, but the citation carries with it 20 hours of community service. The 20-year-old was also suspended from the Florida State baseball team.



Andrej Kirilenko and the Nets will return to Brooklyn to face an elimination game on Friday night. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers**86**

NBA teams which win Game 5 in a 2-2 series take the series 86 percent of the time — 92 percent with homecourt advantage.

3-2 series lead.

The game got away from the Nets at the close of the first half. After pulling even at 40-40 with 4:34 to play, the Raptors finished on a 22-4 run,

including a running, banked-in 3-pointer at the buzzer by Kyle Lowry.

The Nets fought hard in the second half, tying the game at 106-106 on a 3-pointer by Mirza Teletovic with 1:23 to play. But again Lowry made a big shot to put Toronto up and they'd never give the lead back. The Nets had a chance, securing a rebound off an intentionally missed free throw, but threw it away with one second left. MARK OSBORNE

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